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SUBJECT: SI FACT-FINDING MISSION TO MIDDLE EAST

1. THIRD OF CHANCELLOR KREISKY'S FACT-FINDING MISSIONS FOR SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL (SI) TO MIDDLE EAST IS SCHEDULED APRIL 16-23, 1976. MISSION WILL VISIT KUWAIT, IRAQ, JORDAN, AND UNITED EMIRATES.

2. UPON COMPLETION OF TRIP, KREISKY MISSIONS WILL HAVE VISITED ALL MAJOR ARAB STATES FROM MOROCCO TO IRAQ EXCEPT SAUDI ARABIA, WHICH IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE UNWILLING TO RECEIVE KREISKY EXCEPT IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS CHANCELLOR AND HEAD OF GOVERNMENT. PURPOSE OF KREISKY MISSIONS, AS REITERATED BY SI OFFICIALS, IS TO EXPAND

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CONTACTS BETWEEN ARAB AND EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS IN ORDER

TO INDICATE EUROPEANS' INTEREST IN FUTURE OF ARAB
SOCIALISM AND AFFIRM THAT ALTERNATIVE EXISTS TO
AUTHORITARIAN SOCIALISM OF COMMUNIST VARIETY AND TO
ARABS' OWN ONE-PARTY POLITICAL SYSTEMS. IT IS FURTHER
HOPED THAT SI AND OTHER EUROPEAN SOCIALIST FORA COULD
BECOME MEETING PLACES FOR ARAB AND ISRAELI SOCIALISTS,
EVEN THOUGH NONE OF ARAB STATES NOW MEET CRITERIAL FOR
SI MEMBERSHIP BECAUSE OF ONE-PARTY PHILOSOPHIES. EGYPT'S
ARAB SOCIALIST UNION AND AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST PARTY HAVE
BEEN STEADILY EXPANDING CONTACTS, FOR EXAMPLE, AND EGYPTIAN
SOCIALISTS WILL SEND GUEST DELEGATION TO AUSTRIAN
SOCIALIST PARTY CONGRESS IN MARCH TO WHICH ISRAELI
SOCIALISTS ARE ALSO INVITED.BUCHANAN

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